

HOUSE BILL 2519

By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to TennCare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-145(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (2):

() For purposes of any such initiative, program or measure operated by the bureau of TennCare, with respect to durable medical equipment, notwithstanding any rules or regulations promulgated by the bureau to the contrary, the term "durable medical equipment" (DME) means equipment that can stand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury, and is related to the patient's physical disorder. An institution is not considered a patient's or member's home if it meets the definition of a hospital or skilled facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.